

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION**

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Deborah S. Hines,  
Plaintiff

vs

Case No. 1:09-cv-914-HJW-TSH  
(Weber, Sr. J.; Hogan, M. J.)

Franklin Savings & Loan,  
Defendant

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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

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This matter is before the Court on plaintiff's motion for default judgment, which was filed on March 3, 2010. (Doc. 11).

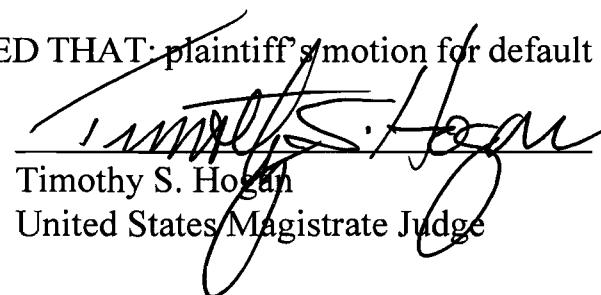
Pro se plaintiff Hines, initiated this action with the filing of a motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and a copy of her complaint on December 18, 2009. (Doc. 1). Plaintiff brings this action against defendant Franklin Saving & Loan, alleging violations of the Fair Debt Collection Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. This Court granted plaintiff leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and plaintiff's complaint was filed on December 23, 2009. (Docs. 2, 3). This Court then directed plaintiff to submit a US Marshal Form 285 (Summons Form) for defendant so that service of process could be made on defendant. (Doc. 3). On February 8, 2010, the Court Ordered the US Marshal to serve a copy of the complaint, summons, and a copy of the Court's December 23, 2009 Order on defendant, as directed by plaintiff. (Doc. 8).

On March 3, 2010, plaintiff filed a Notice of Filing Default Judgment and a Motion for Default Judgment against defendant Franklin Saving & Loan. (Docs. 10, 11). However, the Court's docket system indicates that the summons was returned executed by the US Marshal on February 25, 2010. (Doc. 12).

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12, defendant's answer was due on or before March

18, 2010. Defendant filed an answer on March 18, 2010. (Doc. 13). Accordingly, defendant did not fail to move, plead, or otherwise respond to plaintiff's complaint within the time provided by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and her motion for default judgment is without merit. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 and 55.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT plaintiff's motion for default judgment be DENIED.

  
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Timothy S. Hogan  
United States Magistrate Judge

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